

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)**

**Grant Recipient: Kenai Peninsula Food Bank**

**Federal Tax ID: 94-3112445**

**Project Title:**

**Project Type:** Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades

# Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, Inc. - Facility Improvements and Expansion

**State Funding Requested: \$250,000**

**House District: Kenai Areawide (33-35)**

One-Time Need

## Brief Project Description:

This project, which benefits the Kenai Peninsula Borough population, will renovate and expand the warehouse facility to include a larger cooler and freezer unit, upgrade electrical service, add Arctic entry, improve handicap access, improve food safety areas and provide a larger waiting area for clients.

## Funding Plan:

**Total Cost of Project: \$791,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds	\$137,200	2008	\$0	10		
State Funds	\$14,670	2010				
Denali Commission	\$0		\$0	10		
Rasmuson Foundation	\$395,000	2008	\$0	10		
Local Funds	\$139,759	2009 & 2010				
Other Funds			\$250,000			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$686,629</b>		<b>\$250,000</b>			

### Explanation of Other Funds:

The Federal funds cannot be used towards the Rasmuson Foundation grant because the funds were secured prior to the grant award.

The KPB Assembly provided Revenue Sharing Funds.

Funds have been requested from the following organizations:

MJ Murdock Charitable Trust--in review process may take 9 months (until August, 2010)

Wells Fargo--in review process

ConocoPhillips--in review process

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger--review process until June, 2010.

## Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Kenai Peninsula Food Bank believes adequate food and shelter are the vital keys to empowering hungry individuals in becoming productive citizens. The Kenai Peninsula Food Bank facility is a supportive and nurturing environment; and, all people are consistently encouraged to reach their highest potential through initiative and creativity. The Food Bank staff facilitates this growth with friendliness and optimism for each individual, helping them to regain their dignity and hope.

The Food Bank, a non-profit organization incorporated in 1988, provides food to over 64 non-profit agencies for their feeding programs throughout the Kenai Peninsula, from Moose Pass to Homer.

The Building to Nourish campaign and planned construction project is a direct result of the increasing client base at the Food Bank and inadequate and inefficient storage and processing space. Key features in the project include:

- A 1,876 unheated addition which will house an energy efficient cooler/freezer unit;
- Electrical upgrades to convert from single to three-phase service;
- Installation of a new energy efficient heating system;
- Foundation repairs for the existing building;
- Improvements to building access with a covered/screened delivery area and waiting vestibule for clients; and
- Interior renovations to enhance safety and ease of food processing by providing a sink, readily accessible restroom, and expanded worktables, display shelving and sorting area.

The Rasmuson Foundation grant is a matching challenge grant. All funds received for the building expansion and improvement plan after December 1, 2008 will be matched dollar for dollar. Pledges count towards the match. Local and national donors have contributed to the secure funding. The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly provided State Revenue Sharing Funds in December, 2009. A predevelopment grant allowed Barnes Architects to provide the estimate and conceptual drawings in 2008. In 2009 the estimated cost was approximately the same as 2008 although we are now in another construction season. The current facility built in 1997 with many volunteers and local support now needs to be upgraded. As remodeling begins the staff anticipate possible additional modifications which will be needed due to current building codes and other unforeseen circumstances. The Federal Funds could be used for the change orders and architecture design.

If large grants awards are not received local funders would be asked for additional funding.

### Project Timeline:

Groundbreaking approximately July 1  
 Ribbon cutting December 1

### Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Kenai Peninsula Food Bank

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No